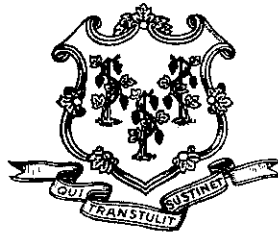


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Good Morning Senator Bartolomeo, Representative Butler and members of the Housing Committee. I would like to comment on SB 114, AN ACT PROHIBITING LANDLORDS FROM REQUIRING TENANTS TO PAY RENT BY CASH OR ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER. While this bill in its current form would provide benefits for certain tenants, it is not at all what I proposed. The intent of my proposed bill was simply to prohibit landlords from requiring that rent be paid on-line. I believe that on-line payment requirements can be disadvantageous to tenants who do not have access to on-line accounts. It was not my intent to address cash payment of rent.